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LD 1149

Dear Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs,

I am testifying in opposition of LD 1149. I oppose this bill because these restrictions can and will harm every type of voter, with senior and rural voters experiencing the worst of the disenfranchisement. I am also worried about the overall costs that will be incurred that will inevitably be passed on to the taxpayers.

Additionally, all of the evidence suggests that voter IDs don't prevent voter fraud. Maine has safeguards in place to prevent fraud, cyber attacks, and other kinds of foul play in elections.

We should be proud of our small, working class state that turns out one of the highest voter rates in the country. We rank this high because of our secure elections, same-day voter registration, no-excuse absentee ballots, and no photo ID laws required to vote.

I urge the committee to oppose this bill. Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify.